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1. EMBASSY IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPROACH TO SOVIETS  
ON TLATELOLCO. BEGINNING AT PARAGRAPH 3 ARE TALKING POINTS  
FOR YOUR USE. IN DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH-  
LEVEL SOVIET OFFICIALS, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS USG APPRECI-  
ATION OF SOVIET STATEMENT RE ADHERENCE AND UNDERLINE

IMPORTANCE OF THIS SOVIET DECISION IN THE CONTEXT OF  
GENERAL NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE STILL QUESTIONS REGARDING  
THE SOVIET STATEMENT WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CLARIFIED  
OR WHICH WE BELIEVE COULD LEAD TO UNNECESSARY CONTROVERSY  
WITH THE MEXICANS AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS.  
THEREFORE, IN ADDITION TO THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3,  
EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO RAISE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE  
A AND SEEK A SOVIET RESPONSE ASAP. IF SOVIETS WISH, OUR  
EXPERTS COULD DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN FURTHER DETAIL ON  
THE MARGIN OF THE SSOD IN NEW YORK; HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD

INDICATE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSING THESE POINTS  
WITH THE SOVIETS PRIOR TO ANY FORMAL SOVIET STATEMENT.

3. TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOVIET'S DECISION  
TO ADHERE TO PROTOCOL II AND THEIR POTENTIAL POSITION IN  
HELPING TO BRING THE TREATY FULLY INTO EFFECT BY ENCOURAG-  
ING CUBAN ACTION, EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING INFORMA-  
TION.

-- THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO FOR  
BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, CHILE AND CUBA WOULD CONSTITUTE AN  
IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN OUR NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS,  
AND BRINGS WITH IT THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONALLY  
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BINDING FULL-SCOPE IAEA SAFEGUARDS THROUGHOUT LATIN  
AMERICA.

-- THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS  
DECIDED TO SIGN PROTOCOL II WILL NOT ONLY HELP TO MEET  
OUR COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION GOALS IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT  
WILL ALSO BE A WELCOME SIGN IN ESTABLISHING A POSITIVE  
CLIMATE FOR PROGRESS AT THE SSOD.

-- THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER SIGNS OF IMPROVED PROSPECTS  
FOR FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS TREATY. FOR EXAMPLE,  
ARGENTINA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO RATIFY THE  
TREATY, AND MAY DO SO DURING THE SSOD. IT APPEARS THAT  
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO  
ANNOUNCING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ADHERE TO PROTOCOL I AT THE  
SSOD.

-- ONE OF THE FINAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE  
OF THE TREATY IS FOR CUBA TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE TREATY.  
IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THE USSR WOULD STRONGLY URGE  
THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE TREATY AND THEREBY  
BRING ABOUT A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE THROUGHOUT LATIN

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